

Subject Crisis nursery licensing

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Overview

A crisis nursery is a facility that provides short-term care, typically 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for children whose caregivers are experiencing a crisis. Current law does not provide a licensing process for a crisis nursery; a crisis nursery is licensed either as a children's residential facility under chapter 245A, a special family child care home under chapter 142B, or both.

This bill exempts crisis nurseries from child care licensure under chapter 142B and directs the Department of Children, Youth, and Families to establish a licensing framework for crisis nurseries.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Exclusion from licensure. Exempts crisis nurseries from child care licensure under chapter 142B until July 1, 2027. Permits crisis nurseries currently licensed as a children's residential facility under chapter 245A and also as a special family child care home under chapter 142B to continue operations when crisis nurseries become exempt from chapter 142B.
2	Direction to commissioner of children, youth, and families; crisis nursery licensing. Directs the commissioner of children, youth, and families to develop a licensing framework for crisis nurseries. Requires the framework to include pathways for organizations to become licensed crisis nurseries, background study and training requirements, and ways to resolve current conflicting requirements. Requires the commissioner to submit a report to the legislature about the framework by January 15, 2027.